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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-16, 18-22, and 24-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 13 is amended and claims 1-12 and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. The features of claim 23 have been added to independent claim 13, and claim 23 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 13 should be in condition for allowance, along with claims 14-16, 18-22, and 24-25, which depend therefrom.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 7, and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Citizen, WO 03/017279, and rejected claims 2-6, 8, 13-16, 18-22, and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Citizen. These rejections are moot in view of the amendments discussed above.

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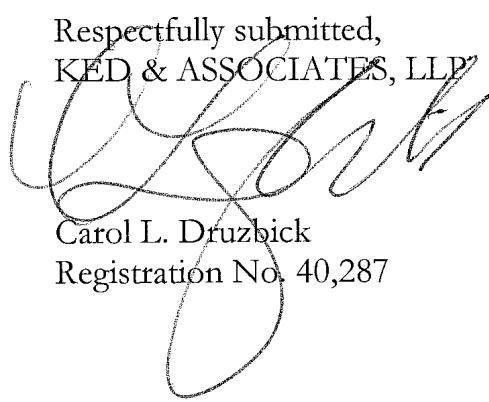
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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